

1 Gene-experience correlation during cognitive development:
2 Evidence from the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) StudySM
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38 **Abstract**

39 **Background:** Findings in adults have shown more culturally sensitive ‘crystallized’ measures of
40 intelligence have greater heritability, these results were not able to be shown in children.

41 **Methods:** With data from 8,518 participants, aged 9 to 11, from the Adolescent Brain Cognitive
42 Development (ABCD) Study[®], we used polygenic predictors of intelligence test performance
43 (based on genome-wide association meta-analyses of data from 269,867 individuals) and of
44 educational attainment (based on data from 1.1 million individuals), associating these predictors
45 with neurocognitive performance. We then assessed the extent of mediation of these associations
46 by a measure of recreational reading.

47 **Results:** more culturally sensitive ‘crystallized’ measures were more strongly associated with the
48 polygenic predictors than were less culturally sensitive ‘fluid’ measures. This mirrored
49 heritability differences reported previously in adults and suggests similar associations in
50 children. Recreational reading more strongly statistically mediated the genetic associations with
51 crystallized than those with fluid measures of cognition.

52 **Conclusion:** This is consistent with a prominent role of gene-environment correlation in
53 cognitive development measured by “crystallized” intelligence tests. Such experiential mediators
54 may represent malleable targets for improving cognitive outcomes.

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59 Introduction

60 Scores on cognitive tests in both children and adults have been linked to long term
61 outcomes and to genetic variation(1–4). Some cognitive tests, e.g., those requiring literacy and
62 mathematical skills, depend upon and are more sensitive to variability in cultural and socio-
63 economic factors. These measures are often referred to as ‘crystallized’ intelligence measures.
64 In contrast, other tests that tap the capacity to solve novel problems, or process novel
65 information, often referred to as ‘fluid’ measures, are less culturally sensitive and are less
66 strongly related to socio-economic variables(5,6). A recent review reported systematic
67 differences in heritability (an estimate of trait variability attributable to genetic variation) of the
68 traits measured by these different kinds of cognitive measures(7). Surprisingly, in studies of
69 adult twins, more culturally sensitive tests exhibited higher, rather than lower, heritability; which
70 runs counter to predictions from conventional models of intelligence. The authors described
71 similar trends in the twin studies of children, but increased heritability of crystallized relative to
72 fluid measures have not yet been established for children, in whom intellectual functions are
73 continuing to mature.

74 The finding that the measures most strongly influenced by cultural factors exhibit higher
75 heritability is perhaps counterintuitive; however previous authors have noted that genetic
76 variation can be associated with environmental, cultural, or experiential (ECE) factors that
77 themselves amplify effects of a genotype on the phenotype, a phenomenon often referred to as
78 rGE (gene-environment correlation). These associations between genotypes and ECE factors
79 could influence the development of cognitive and intellectual abilities in several ways. As an
80 example, if others in the social environments of children recognize traits, e.g., precocious
81 behavior, in those with a genetic propensity for a given cognitive ability, they may begin to treat

82 such individuals differently, rewarding them disproportionately for intellectual pursuits,
83 investing more in their instruction, and/or placing them in environments that drive learning more
84 effectively. Alternatively, the associations can be driven by the motivation of the children
85 themselves if for example they develop greater enthusiasm for intellectual activities for which
86 they have been more frequently rewarded, and which they then pursue more assiduously, thus
87 enjoying beneficial effects of the increased practice associated with these activities. In either
88 case, the genetically advantaged abilities are disproportionately enhanced by these mediating
89 ECE factors. Of course, individuals with less advantageous genotypes may experience the
90 converse of these social and motivational effects, resulting in languishing, or in the worst case
91 suppressed, intellectual development, even within similar environments. Such rGE effects can
92 increase variance in intellectual phenotypes and increase estimates of heritability using both
93 epidemiological and genomic methods(8). The important implication is that a component of this
94 increased heritability requires the mediating ECE effects for its expression. In essence, more
95 direct biological effects of the genotype *and* associated differences in the environments or
96 experiences of the child are both contributing causal factors influencing the mature phenotype,
97 but they act through dissociable mechanisms.

98 Heritability is a population statistic frequently measured using a twin design. For this
99 study, we used polygenic scores to examine variation in genetic and experiential factors and their
100 relationship to trait measures of cognitive function. Polygenic scores have the advantage that
101 they can be used to index relevant genetic factors in samples of unrelated individuals by
102 leveraging the statistical power of meta-analysis results from large Genome Wide Association
103 Studies (GWAS). Using neurocognitive test scores, genomic data, and a measure of parent-
104 reported recreational reading assessed in a large sample of 8,618 children, aged 9 to 11, from the

105 ABCD Study®, we used polygenic scores of intelligence test performance (based on GWAS of
106 269,867 individuals(9)) and educational attainment, sometimes considered a proxy for
107 intellectual ability (based on 1.1 million individuals(10)), to ask 3 questions: First, do these
108 genomic predictors account for more of the variability in estimates of culturally sensitive
109 crystallized traits than fluid traits in children, as might be expected from reports of higher
110 heritability in adult twins? Second, does a parent-reported estimate of the time their children
111 spend reading for pleasure mediate the relationship between a genomic predictor and measures
112 of cognitive performance, consistent with a role of this experiential enhancer of performance in
113 increasing heritability? Third, if mediation is observed, is this mediating effect larger for the
114 culturally sensitive crystallized than the fluid measures of cognitive performance, consistent with
115 a role for rGE in the higher heritability of these measures?

116 In additional analyses, we examined the degree to which the findings in the ethnically
117 diverse ABCD sample were similar between the subgroup of children with high genomic
118 European ancestry (EurA) and a remaining subgroup of children who were from diverse ancestry
119 groups (DivA). Finally, using simulations, we tested whether our observed findings may be due
120 to previously reported differences in test-retest reliabilities (for crystallized vs fluid measures).

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122 **Materials and Methods**

123 *2.1 Data available in the ABCD data release 2.0.1*

124 The ABCD study (<http://abcdstudy.org>) enrolled the families of 11,875 children aged 9 or
125 10 years at baseline(11). This longitudinal study follows the development of these children at 21
126 sites across the US for ten years. The cohort exhibits a large degree of sociodemographic
127 diversity. Exclusion criteria were limited to: 1) lack of English proficiency; 2) the presence of

128 severe sensory, neurological, medical or intellectual limitations that would inhibit the child's
129 ability to comply with the protocol; 3) an inability to complete an MRI scan at baseline. The
130 study protocols are approved by the University of California, San Diego Institutional Review
131 Board(12). Parent/caregiver permission and child assent from each participant were obtained.
132 Here, our data were drawn from the baseline assessments shared in ABCD release 2.0.1 (NDAR
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135 2.1.1 Cognitive Measures

136 Seven of the 10 cognitive tasks were subtests from The NIH Toolbox Cognition Battery[®]
137 (NTCB) in the version recommended for ages 7+ (<http://www.nihtoolbox.org>)(13). The average
138 time to complete this battery is approximately 35 minutes. The NTCB was administered in
139 English(14), using an iPad, with support from a research assistant when needed. The battery
140 yields individual test scores measuring specific constructs and composite scores that have been
141 shown to be highly correlated with 'gold standard' measures of intelligence in adults(15) and
142 children(5). Here, all 7 individual test scores and 2 composite scores were examined: the
143 Crystallized Cognition Composite Score (derived from scores on the Picture Vocabulary and
144 Oral Reading Recognition measures) and the Fluid Cognition Composite Score (derived from the
145 remaining measures). Additionally, three neurocognitive tasks were used that were not
146 components of the NTCB: Rey-Auditory Learning Task, Little Man Task and Matrix Reasoning.
147 Please see supplementary materials for a description of each task.

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149 2.1.2 Latent Neurocognitive Factors

150 Thompson et al. derived a three factor, varimax rotated, solution for the latent structure
151 across the neurocognitive battery in ABCD using Bayesian Probabilistic PCA(16). The final
152 latent factor solution included the measures described above, except for the Matrix Reasoning
153 task which had very little effect on the solution. The factors will be referred to as Bayesian
154 Factors (BF) 1-3. Language tasks loaded most heavily on BF1, which was highly correlated with
155 the Crystallized Composite ($r=0.93$); executive functioning tasks loaded most heavily on BF2;
156 and learning/memory tasks loaded heavily on BF3.

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158 *2.1.3 Recreational Reading*

159 Parents of ABCD participants were asked to complete a survey of their children's
160 activities. One question asked, "Does your child read for pleasure?" The follow-up question
161 was, "About how many hours per week does your child read for pleasure?". This estimate of
162 number of hours of recreational reading was log transformed due to skewness. To confine the
163 analyses of this variable to a homogenous group of children who read for pleasure, we included
164 only children whose parents answered 'yes' to the first question.

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166 *2.1.4 Genetic Data and Computing Polygenic Scores*

167 Using genotype data we derived genetic ancestry using fastStructure(17) with four
168 ancestry groups. Genetic principal components were also calculated using PLINK. Variants were
169 imputed using the Michigan Imputation Server(18). Polygenic scores were computed using
170 PRSice(19). The Intelligence Polygenic Score (IPS) was trained on 269,867 individuals by
171 Savage et al.(9), and focused on neurocognitive tests considered to gauge fluid intelligence. The
172 Education Attainment Polygenic Score (EAPS) was generated from 1.1 million individuals,

173 predicting the phenotype of number of years of schooling completed. Please see supplementary
174 materials for further details on genetic data and analysis.

175 We were primarily focused on studying the IPS association with cognitive tests in
176 ABCD, due to it being trained on a more directly relevant phenotype. However, we additionally
177 examined EAPS as a secondary analysis for comparison as it has been previously used as a proxy
178 for cognitive ability and has a discovery sample size four times the size of the IPS.

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180 *2.2 Analytic Methods*

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182 *2.2.1 Ancestry Group Analyses*

183 Training and testing polygenic scores in different ancestry groups has been shown to
184 reduce predictive power(20–22). Given the ancestry differences between the polygenic score
185 discovery samples (predominantly European) and the ABCD study (multiple ancestry groups),
186 we wanted to confirm our main results in the full samples were not driven by population
187 structure. As such we additionally performed analyses in two subsamples: 1) children with
188 estimated proportion of European ancestry higher than 90% (EurA) and 2) a group of the
189 remaining children with diverse ancestry, which included those from other or mixed ancestry
190 (DivA).

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192 *2.2.2 Statistical Model for Genomic Prediction of Behavioral Measures*

193 To assess the association between the polygenic scores and cognitive performance in
194 ABCD, we fit Generalized Linear Mixed-Effects Models (GLMMs) using the `gamm4`
195 package(23) in R. Each model predicted performance on a different cognitive measure.

196 Continuous variables were z-scored before model fitting to allow coefficients to be interpreted as
197 standardized effect sizes. To test if regression coefficients differed between regressions we
198 performed a z-test on the difference between coefficients, based on the propagated standard error
199 for the two regression coefficients as the sum of the error of variances for each measure. This test
200 assumes the standard errors are uncorrelated and so provides a conservative estimate of
201 significance. Please see supplementary materials for details and covariates used.

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203 *2.2.3 Differential Mediation Analysis*

204 To assess whether recreational reading is a plausible ECE factor increasing heritability of
205 crystallized cognition, through rGE effects, we performed a mediation analysis. Specifically, we
206 compared the statistical mediation effects of recreational reading experience on the associations
207 between the IPS and both the Crystallized Composite and Fluid Composite, respectively. We
208 achieved this by calculating the proportion of mediation of recreational reading on the i) IPS-
209 crystallized and the ii) IPS-fluid associations using an average causal mediation effect model(24)
210 across 10,000 bootstrap samples. With bootstrapped samples we tested if the mediation effect of
211 recreational reading on the IPS-crystallized association was greater than that of IPS-fluid , by
212 performing a Welch t-test on the samples. Mediation analysis was performed using general linear
213 models in the mediation package in R(25), see supplementary materials for details.

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215 *2.2.4 Data and Code Availability*

216 The ABCD dataset is available approved researchers at <https://nda.nih.gov/abcd>. A
217 jupyter notebook of the analysis be found at
218 github.com/robloughnan/ABCD_Intelligence_Polygenic_Score.

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220 Results

221 *Demographics*

222 Figure 1 illustrates a flow-chart for sample selection. For the final analysis we have
223 8,518 individuals in the full sample, 4,885 in the EurA sample and 3,633 in the DivA sample.

224 *Behavioral Measures and Sociocultural Factors*

225 Mean performance, standard deviation (SD), median and estimates of variance explained
226 by age, sex, and the set of socio-cultural covariates (parental marital status, highest education
227 level of parent/caregiver, household income, ethnicity, genetic principal components) are given
228 for each behavioral measure examined in Table 2. Consistent with previous reports, there are
229 substantial differences in the degree to which socio-cultural factors account for variability in
230 these measures. The Crystallized Composite, its constituent Picture Vocabulary and Reading
231 Recognition measures, and BF1, on which these measures of language and literacy load heavily,
232 all exhibit higher levels of association with socio-cultural variables. This pattern persisted when
233 controlling for IPS (Sup. Table 2). Sex, age and socio-cultural factors explained little variability
234 in recreational reading. Partial correlations between the individual cognitive task measures
235 controlling for covariates (Figure 2), suggest that performance on the different tasks is modestly
236 correlated across children ($r_s=.08-.41$) in this sample. Correlations peak in the .3 range within
237 Fluid Composite measures, and the highest correlation is observed between the two Crystallized
238 Composite measures (Picture Vocabulary and Oral Reading $r=.41$).

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240 *Genomic Prediction of Crystallized and Fluid Cognition Measures*

241 Table 3 summarizes the regression results for predicting the Crystallized and Fluid
242 Composites with IPS or EAPS in the full sample, and separately in the EurA and DivA
243 subsamples. The IPS was a significant predictor of both measures in all analyses. Importantly,
244 the standardized regression coefficient was significantly higher for the Crystallized than the
245 Fluid Composite regardless of ancestry group (full sample: $z=4.8$, $p=1.8 \times 10^{-6}$, EurA: $z=4.6$,
246 $p=5.1 \times 10^{-6}$ and DivA: $z=2.5$, $p=1.4 \times 10^{-2}$).

247 In no case did the EAPS, despite a much larger training sample size, appear to account
248 for more of the variance in the neurocognitive measures than did IPS. However, across ancestry
249 groups and for both composite scores, combining both genomic predictors explained
250 significantly more variance in behavior than IPS alone (supplementary results). IPS + EAPS
251 explained 5.8% variance ($p=4.5 \times 10^{-64}$) in the Crystallized Composite for EurA (a 40% increase
252 compared to IPS alone). Supplementary Tables 3-8 show regression results for each behavior
253 using IPS, EAPS and IPS + EAPS within each ancestry group.

254 Fitting separate regression models for each individual task in the neurocognitive battery,
255 we found that the IPS was a significant predictor for each cognitive measure for the full sample
256 and the EurA subsample (all p values $< 10^{-3}$), surviving the Bonferroni-corrected significance
257 threshold of $0.05/10=0.005$. Within the DivA subsample only six of the ten tasks were
258 individually significantly predicted by the IPS (Sup. Table 8). Figure 3 shows the standardized
259 regression coefficients of IPS predicting performance on each task, as well as the Crystallized
260 and Fluid Composite measures from the NTCB and Bayesian Factors 1-3(16), in the full sample.
261 Individual cognitive measures included in the Crystallized Composite have consistently higher
262 IPS standardized regression weights than the measures included in the Fluid Composite. Other
263 neurocognitive tasks from the ABCD battery (shaded in gray) showed similar associations to the

264 Fluid Composite. The results for the Bayesian Factors mirrored these results: BF1, on which
265 ‘Crystallized’ measures had the highest factor loadings (Sup. Figure 1)(16), displayed a stronger
266 association with IPS than BF2 and BF3 on which ‘Fluid’, executive function and memory
267 measures had higher loadings. The results in the subsamples (EurA and DivA) are provided in
268 supplemental material.

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270 *Differential Mediation Results*

271 The mediation analysis showed that recreational reading partially mediated associations
272 between IPS and both composite measures, proportions of mediation: fluid 0.084 (95% CI:
273 0.047-0.14, $p \leq 10^{-4}$), crystallized 0.12 (95% CI: 0.088-0.16, $p \leq 10^{-4}$). However, the differential
274 mediation analyses revealed a highly significant difference between the large degree of
275 attenuation of the association between IPS and the Crystallized Composite relative to that
276 between IPS and the Fluid Composite (Welch t-test: $t=125$, $df=19053$, $p < 10^{-300}$), shown in Figure
277 4.

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279 *Sensitivity Analyses to Address Test Reliability*

280 A previous study reported the test-retest reliability for the Fluid Composite from the
281 NTCB (.76) was somewhat lower than for the Crystallized Composite (.85)(5), raising questions
282 about whether differences in the strength of their associations with IPS could be attributed to
283 more noise in the Fluid Composite measure. In supplementary sensitivity analyses we
284 demonstrate that our results are robust to the addition of simulated noise to the Crystallized
285 Composite that mimics this difference in test reliability. At this level of simulated noise we
286 estimated 1.0 power ($\alpha=0.05$) to detect $Cryst_{noise}$ having a significantly greater IPS

287 standardized regression coefficient than the Fluid Composite. Moreover, additional sensitivity
288 analyses indicate that the observed differences in the mediation effects of recreational reading
289 are similarly robust against potential measurement error modelled as random noise. These
290 analyses are described in detail in Supplemental Material.

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292 Discussion

293 We have shown that polygenic predictors of intelligence test performance and of
294 educational attainment are associated with neurocognitive performance in this large group of
295 children from diverse backgrounds. These results are consistent with previous findings
296 demonstrating that virtually all behavioral traits, including cognitive and intellectual phenotypes,
297 are heritable(26). Moderate estimates of heritability of many behavioral phenotypes also
298 establish that a substantial portion of the variability is due to independent environmental
299 influences. Given that behavioral phenotypes emerge through interactions between children and
300 their physical, social, and cultural environments, much attention has been paid to how these
301 environmental factors modify the phenotypes, since they are presumably the malleable factors.
302 However, recently, more attention has been focused on the possible roles of mediating
303 nongenetic (ECE) factors that, through their statistical association with genetic variation (rGE),
304 may amplify heritability(7,8).

305 We found that a culturally dependent estimate of crystallized cognitive functions, the
306 Crystallized Composite measure from the NTCB, is more strongly associated with the best
307 available polygenic predictor of intelligence test performance than is the Fluid Composite
308 measure, consistent with earlier findings in adults of heritability differences(7) and polygenic
309 score performance(27) across similar measures. This is despite the IPS being based on a large

310 meta-analysis of GWAS combining cognitive measures that were described by the authors as
311 primarily “fluid intelligence” measures(9). Indeed, the relative size of the IPS association across
312 the 15 measures examined here (Figure 2) closely mirrored the relative percent variance
313 explained in these measures by socio-cultural variables (Table 2), a pattern that persists after
314 accounting for IPS (Sup. Table2). Moreover, for children who read for pleasure, the extent of
315 recreational reading was found to partially mediate the associations between IPS and both
316 Composite measures, but to a significantly greater degree for the crystallized than for the fluid
317 measure, consistent with a more prominent role of rGE in the development of abilities tapped by
318 measures that are both more heritable, and apparently more sensitive to socio-cultural variables.
319 In other words, even when controlling for *independent* contributions of more global sociocultural
320 variables, how often a child reads for pleasure more strongly mediates the association between
321 IPS and crystallized rather than in fluid performance.

322 It is perhaps unsurprising that recreational reading more strongly mediates the association
323 between IPS and culturally sensitive measures of intelligence since such measures are generally
324 sensitive to educational factors. Indeed, a measure of oral reading proficiency loads highly on
325 both measures of crystallized functions examined here, Crystallized Composite and BF1. One
326 can imagine that children with neurobehavioral phenotypes advantageous for learning to read
327 might be more likely to develop the habit of reading for pleasure than those with other
328 neurobehavioral phenotypes, for a variety of reasons. However, these results imply that choosing
329 to read for pleasure at 10 years of age is associated with having a genotype linked to intellectual
330 functions most dependent on reading, and that an estimate of the frequency of reading behavior
331 mediates that link. This is consistent with previous descriptions of rGE effects, and with
332 analyses by Beam and Turkheimer(8), who showed that increasing rGE over time could explain

333 observed increases in the heritability of measures of cognitive function through development.
334 The ABCD study will provide an opportunity to measure changes in heritability at later time
335 points of this longitudinal study. Importantly, despite the lower test-retest reliability of the fluid
336 compared to the crystallized composite score from the NTCB(5), our supplementary analyses
337 show that this difference in test reliability is unlikely to explain our findings.

338 Though recreational reading would appear to be an enhancing mediator of intellectual
339 development, it is important to note that genotype-correlated ECE factors can also suppress
340 intellectual development. As an example, early struggles to read by children with less
341 advantageous genotypes for reading may decrease the likelihood that these children will choose
342 reading activities, leading to slower progression of these faculties. Worse, if children’s early
343 reading attempts are experienced very negatively, these children may develop avoidant responses
344 to reading, which could result in active suppression of developing literacy. Importantly, when
345 these kinds of differences originate with differences in children’s genotypes, they can increase
346 heritability and exaggerate disparities. Identifying ECE factors that contribute to heritability of
347 cognitive and intellectual phenotypes is important because it can point to practices that better
348 adapt to neurogenetic diversity among children. Innovative pedagogical practices may lead to
349 approaches that increase “enhancing” ECE effects in the subset of children disadvantaged by
350 current practices and reduce ECE effects that suppress intellectual development and academic
351 achievement, which may lead to more equitable educational outcomes.

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353 *Limitations and Caveats*

354 The proportion of variance in the cognitive measures accounted for by the genomic
355 predictors was larger in the EurA participants than in the DivA group(Sup. Tables 5 & 7), as

356 would be expected given the discovery samples were in individuals of European ancestry.
357 However, the patterns were generally similar in the DivA group. This suggests similar genetic
358 architecture for these cognitive phenotypes across ancestry groups and supports the validity of
359 the results from the full sample. Analyses in all three groups included as covariates the top ten
360 genetic principal components derived from the full sample. Because of broad ancestral diversity
361 in the ABCD cohort, there is limited power for comparing the effects in different ancestry
362 groups. As has been discussed in genetics generally(28,29), the lower predictive performance in
363 the DivA group once again underscores the importance of collecting genetic data from
364 ancestrally diverse populations and developing methods that can be used across ancestry groups.

365 One may have predicted that EAPS would have been a more powerful predictor of
366 cognitive measures in ABCD than IPS, due to it having over 4 times the discovery sample size.
367 However, we found generally the IPS had stronger associations (Sup. Tables 3-8), perhaps
368 because the phenotype is a better match between training and testing. This contrasts with results
369 of a previous study of adults, where EAPS explained 7-10% of the variance in cognition(10),
370 while IPS explained only 2-5%(9). This discrepancy may be due to methodological differences,
371 alternatively the young age of the cohort may be the key difference. Educational attainment,
372 while clearly related to scores on cognitive tests, may be influenced by other genetically
373 influenced traits (e.g. personality) that may contribute to greater persistence in formal education;
374 thus the EAPS is likely to reflect to a greater degree these traits. Such pleiotropic of EAPS
375 effects has been observed in adults(30). When we include both EAPS and IPS in a single model,
376 together they explain 5.8% of the variability in the Crystallized Composite (EurA, Sup. Table 6),
377 substantially more than IPS alone explains (4.1%), indicating that these genomic predictors

378 capture unique sources of the relevant variance, and are likely measuring different (relevant)
379 constructs.

380 These results are consistent with previous evidence for a role of genetic variation in
381 developing cognitive functions, and they strengthen the evidence for rGE during cognitive
382 development. However, it should be emphasized that the genomic predictors (together) account
383 for only 4.15% of cognitive performance variance in the full sample. Furthermore, this was
384 observed for the Crystallized Composite measure, the culturally sensitive measure hypothesized
385 to exhibit increased genetic association as a result of rGE effects. The additive effects of
386 potentially confounding sociocultural covariates, even controlling for IPS, accounted for 13.2%
387 of the variability. For the Fluid Composite the genomic predictors together accounted for only
388 1.1% of the variance, and sociocultural covariates accounted for almost 5%. Of note, even with
389 the narrow 2 year age range in the cohort, age alone accounts for 10% of the variability in the
390 Crystallized Composite and 7% in the Fluid Composite. These effects may reveal clues about a
391 highly dynamic process of cognitive and intellectual development in children.

392 Finally, though the results of the mediation analysis focusing on recreational reading
393 strengthen the plausibility that such ECE mediators associate with genotypes and increase
394 genetic effects, these results do not prove a causal explanation, and none should be inferred. In
395 the context of an observational study such as ABCD it is always possible that confounding
396 variables not accounted for in the analysis are responsible for the mediation effect we observed.

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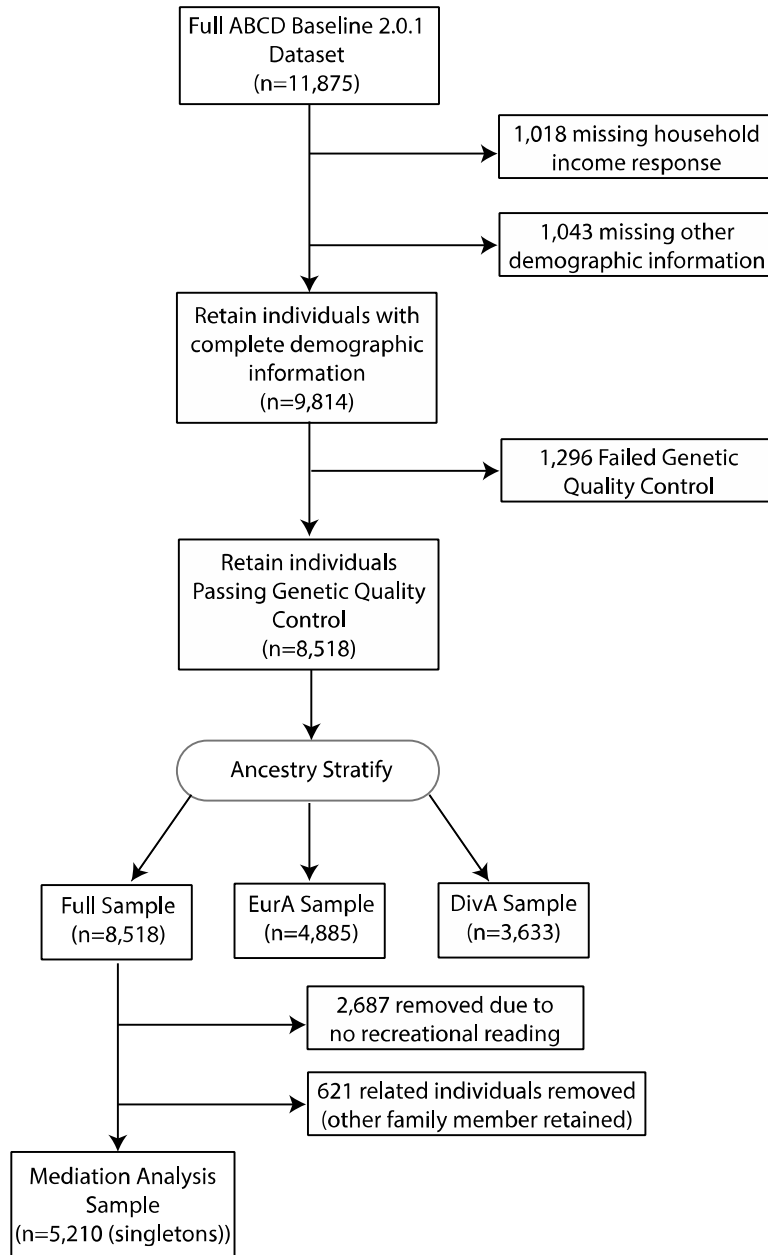
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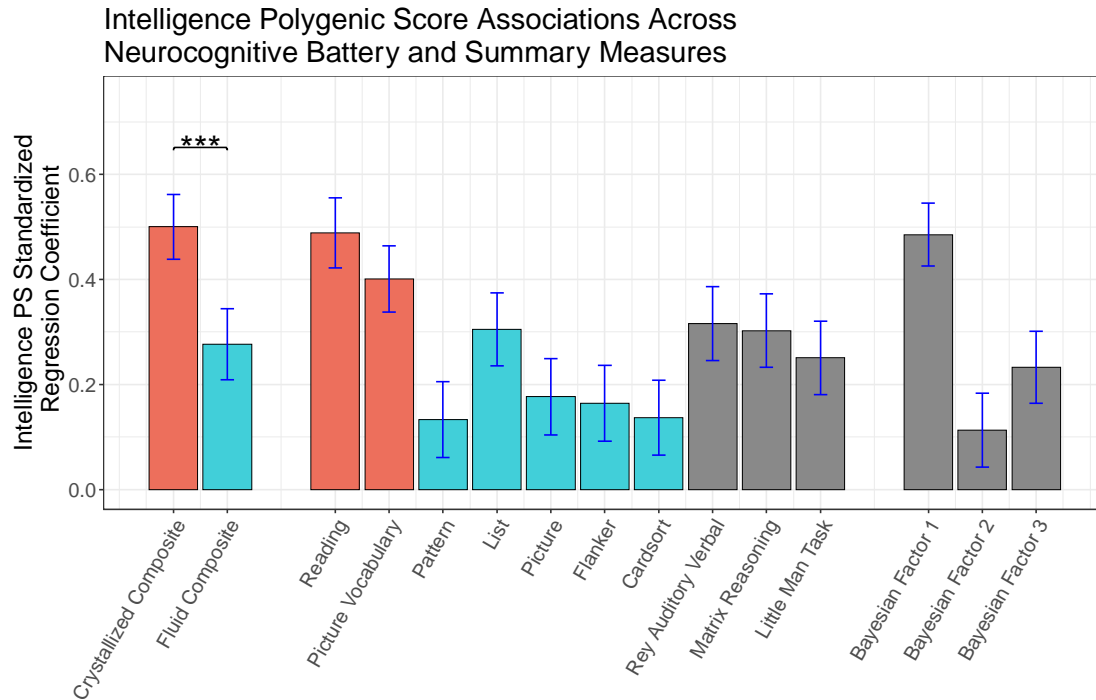


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518 Figure 1 *Flow chart of sample selection and exclusion.*

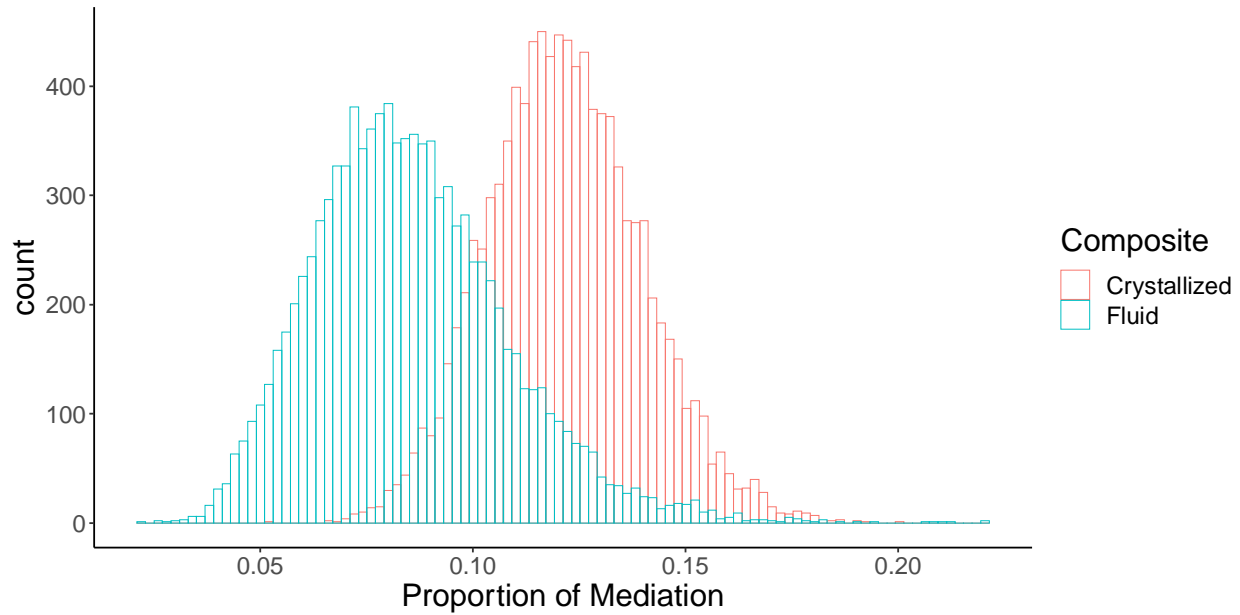


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 520 Figure 2 Partial correlation matrix showing intercorrelations among individual task
 521 performance measures (controlling for age, sex, parental marital status, parental education,
 522 household income, principal components of genetic ancestry and Hispanic status) in the full
 523 sample included in the present study of genomic predictors.
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531 Figure 3 Standardized regression coefficients of IPS for fitting linear mixed models to
532 performance on Fluid and Crystallized Composites, each individual task from the NTCB,
533 additional measures from the ABCD neurocognitive battery, and Bayesian (latent) Factors 1-3,
534 in the full sample. Prediction of the Crystallized Composite is significantly stronger than for the
535 Fluid Composite. Tasks included in the Fluid Composite (shaded in blue) have consistently lower
536 regression coefficients than those included in the Crystallized Composite (shaded in red).
537 Additional measures from the neurocognitive battery exhibit associations with IPS more similar
538 to the Fluid Composite than to the Crystallized Composite, however Bayesian Factor 1, on which
539 the verbal tasks load heavily, exhibits an association similar to the Crystallized Composite.
540 Error bars show estimates of 95% confidence intervals as $1.96 \times$ standard error.
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543 Figure 4 *Differential mediation analysis in singletons (N= 5,210): histograms shows 10,000*
544 *bootstrap estimates for proportion of mediation of recreational reading on: i) IPS and*
545 *Crystallized Composite (red) and ii) IPS and Fluid Composite (blue). Recreational reading*
546 *attenuates the relationship between the IPS and the Crystallized Composite to a significantly*
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	<i>Full Sample</i>	<i>European Ancestry</i>	<i>Other Ancestry</i>
Total N	8518	4885	3633
	Mean (SD)		
<i>Age - months</i>	119.05 (7.48)	119.21 (7.49)	118.85 (7.47)
	N (%)		
<i>Sex Male</i>	4438 (52.1)	2576 (52.7)	1862 (51.3)
<i>Parent Married = Yes</i>	6024 (70.7)	4066 (83.2)	1958 (53.9)
Parental Education			
<i>< HS Diploma</i>	302 (3.5)	21 (0.4)	281 (7.7)
<i>HS Diploma/GED</i>	649 (7.6)	138 (2.8)	511 (14.1)
<i>Some College</i>	2149 (25.2)	899 (18.4)	1250 (34.4)
<i>Bachelor</i>	2318 (27.2)	1548 (31.7)	770 (21.2)
<i>Post Graduate Degree</i>	3100 (36.4)	2279 (46.7)	821 (22.6)
Household Income			
<i>[<50K]</i>	2353 (27.6)	596 (12.2)	1757 (48.4)
<i>[>=50K & <100K]</i>	2444 (28.7)	1471 (30.1)	973 (26.8)
<i>[>=100K]</i>	3721 (43.7)	2818 (57.7)	903 (24.9)
Race			
<i>White</i>	5715 (67.7)	4750 (97.4)	965 (27.1)
<i>Black</i>	1129 (13.4)	1 (0.0)	1128 (31.7)
<i>Asian</i>	199 (2.4)	0 (0.0)	199 (5.6)
<i>Other</i>	1397 (16.6)	128 (2.6)	1269 (35.6)
Hispanic			
<i>Hispanic</i>	1628 (19.1)	131 (2.7)	1497 (41.2)

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Table 1: Summary of demographics for individuals included in the full sample for the present genomic prediction analyses, and for the genomic European Ancestry and genomic Other Ancestry subgroups.

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	Mean (SD)	Median	Sex	Age	Sociocultural
Crystallized Composite	86.87 (6.93)	87	0.01	9.51	21.57
Fluid Composite	92.18 (10.43)	93	0.32	7.17	10.28
Reading	91.23 (6.73)	91	0.01	5.97	13.18
Picture Vocabulary	85.04 (8.02)	84	0.07	7.67	20.14
Pattern	88.29 (14.47)	88	0.57	4.81	1.90
List	97.43 (11.81)	97	0.13	2.04	9.47
Picture	103.33 (12.01)	103	0.51	1.17	5.46
Flanker	94.42 (8.83)	96	0.03	3.21	3.73
Cardsort	92.97 (9.26)	94	0.48	3.76	5.22
Rey Auditory Verbal	43.78 (9.96)	44	1.25	2.23	8.57
Matrix Reasoning	18.13 (3.74)	18	0.34	2.74	9.15
Little Man Task	0.60 (0.17)	0.56	0.48	5.13	6.25
Bayesian Factor 1	0.05 (0.76)	0.06	0.28	9.63	20.85
Bayesian Factor 2	0.02 (0.76)	0.06	0.22	5.49	2.65
Bayesian Factor 3	0.04 (0.70)	0.04	0.89	1.59	7.83
Recreational Reading (hours)	6.5 (10)	4	0.45	0.18	0.86

590 *Table 2 Mean (SD) and median for each behavioral measure in the full sample, estimated % variance explained by sex, age, and*
 591 *the set of socio-cultural covariates (parental marital status, parental education, household income, genetic ancestry PCs and*
 592 *Hispanic/non-Hispanic).*

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Sample	Fluid Composite				Crystallized Composite			
	Stand. β	t	P value	% Var. Explained	Stand. β	t	P value	% Var Explained
	IPS							
Full Sample	0.28	8.03	1.14E-15	0.75	0.50	15.82	1.31E-55	2.86
EurA	0.11	7.53	6.10E-14	1.15	0.21	14.48	1.44E-46	4.13
DivA	0.20	3.41	6.52E-04	0.32	0.40	7.34	2.68E-13	1.47
	EAPS							
Full Sample	0.11	7.23	5.26E-13	0.61	0.19	14.21	2.56E-45	2.32
EurA	0.09	6.60	4.66E-11	0.89	0.18	12.95	9.36E-38	3.34
DivA	0.08	3.38	7.28E-04	0.32	0.15	6.66	3.24E-11	1.21

601 *Table 3 Regression results for GLMMs associating IPS (top) and EAPS (bottom) with Crystallized Composite and Fluid*
 602 *Composite of the NIH toolbox within full Sample and ancestry subgroups.*